

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) Retaining device (200) for the manual removal of teat cups with

a fastening device (201) for fixing the retaining device at a predetermined milking position,

wherein the retaining device (200) furthermore is formed to hold each of a multiple number of teat cups (210) in a fixed position relative to the others during a first operational phase, and to allow manual access to each of the retained teat cups (210) in such a way that, during a second operational phase, each teat cup (210) is manually movable relative to the retaining device (200) and at least one additional teat cup (210) in more than one direction.

2-79. (Canceled)